



# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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RE: Judge: Circuit Court Judge - First Judicial Circuit Diane S. Goodstein  
Matter Number: 08-DE-J-0165  
NOTICE OF FINAL DISPOSITION

Dear Mr. Flowers:

You previously filed a complaint with the Commission on Judicial Conduct about Circuit Court Judge- First Judicial Circuit Diane S. Goodstein in connection with the above-referenced matter. The Commission instructed the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to conduct an investigation into your allegations.

On December 12, 2008, an investigative panel of the Commission convened to consider the recommendation of Disciplinary Counsel for disposition of this matter based on the information gathered in the preliminary investigation. As required by the Rules for Judicial Disciplinary Enforcement, Rule 502, SCACR, this panel was comprised of seven members, one of whom was the chair or vice-chair of the Commission and one of whom was a lay member.

In accordance with these rules, the inquiries of the panel were limited to whether or not there was evidence of ethical misconduct on the part of Judge Goodstein that would warrant further investigation or the filing of formal charges. After considering the report of Disciplinary Counsel setting forth the results of the investigation, the panel voted to dismiss your complaint.

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At the direction of the Commission, I am notifying you of the action taken by the Commission on this matter. This dismissal constitutes a final disposition of your complaint. As required by the rules, Judge Goodstein is being notified of the action taken by the investigative panel by copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Karen H. Cordell  
Administrative Assistant

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cc: The Honorable Diane S. Goodstein

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